SONS of NORWAY

Nordahl's Tidende

NORDAHL GRIEG LODGE 6-52 • SAN JOSE, CA

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En hilsen fra Nordahl Grieg Presidenten

Kjære Venner:

I brought an extra helper to September's Lodge Work Day. For legal reasons, I cannot disclose his name, so let us call him "Peter."

Because of his condition, Peter will, much like another literary Peter, never truly 'grow up,' which gives him a perspective that many of us struggle to retain: the ever-curious outlook of a child.

But he loves to be helpful, and perhaps with the experience of his physical years, loves to do simple chores to earn his allowance. So we emptied the shakers and sugar caddies so that they could be cleaned, and we sorted the sweetener packets and got rid of the old stuff. He enjoyed himself, and we hope that the few simple things that we accomplished today will make Mama Solveig's job easier when she comes to set the tables for Lutefisk.

Perhaps, with the blessing of the rest of his care team, I might bring Peter back to help again in some small way. But until then, I want to leave you all with a little Extra Bonus Task.

I want you to look at the Lodge community through the eyes of a child. Maybe your child, or grandchild, or when you were a child growing up with your parents and family in this Lodge.

What do you remember most fondly? What do you miss about it?

And what would this Lodge, indeed, what would Sons of Norway need, in order for the next generation to love it as you do?

Fraternally,

Kathy Whitesel, President

2024 Kretsstevne Pin

Those of us who attended Kretsstevne at Camp Norge over Labor Day weekend had the opportunity to purchase this year's pin created by our own lodge member, **Christine Bjerkhoel Kramer**.

A lovely display of many past years of pins is on the wall in our camp's Heritage Hall. When at camp, take time to enjoy the many items that are featured throughout the Hall.

Thank you, Christine!

And thanks to all who attended Kretsstevne! Many representatives from Nordahl Grieg Lodge enjoyed the weekend's festivities with other Sons of Norway members from all over District Six. There have been a lot of improvements at Camp Norge lately, and the grounds are looking great! Save the date for next year's event, August 30-September 1, 2025.

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The mission of Sons of Norway is to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members, promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, and to celebrate our relationship with other Scandinavian countries.

Nordahl Grieg Lodge Meeting Dates for 2024

Mark your calendars!

Since 2020, we have been conducting most Lodge meetings by Zoom at 7:00 PM. This year, we will mix it up with some Zoom meetings and some in-person meetings with refreshments and programs! Please mark your calendars with these dates on the 3rd Thursday of most months, and stay tuned for more details in upcoming *Tidende* newsletters.

* October 17
* November - no meeting
* December 19

Thanks to everyone who helped out at our Hall Work Day on September 15. The hall looks great!

October Birthdays

2 Stephanie Bratton
2 Beverly Horner
2 John Mattson
5 John Ecklund
6 Mark Hunsbedt
12 Camille Beaudry
16 Elaine Duxbury
16 Lee Ann Visnapuu
20 Lavonne Hardy
21 Donald Hansen
21 Sue Ellen Laurie
23 Martin Alkire
24 Leland Bjerkhoel
25 Christopher Holmes
27 Paul Crawford
31 Jessyca Bratton

Heritage Members

18 Cameron Hunsbedt
22 Ember Bratton
25 Andrew Hunsbedt

Camp Norge Folkedans Stevne - October 18-20, 2024

Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag presents a weekend of dances from Telemark, Norway, at beautiful Camp Norge.

The Nordahl Grieg Leikarring og Spelemannslag (NGLS) is pleased to host a weekend of Scandinavian dance music and folk dances for dancers of all levels. **Mikkel Thompson** and **Ginny Lee** will teach dances from Agder, Norway, including Setesdalgangar, Totur frå Holt, Tyrolaren frå Holt, and Østlandsrilen frå Holt. Other dances may be added if time permits. Music for dance classes will be provided by **David Boyden**.

Our meals will be prepared by **Jeannie Wiles** from Grass Valley. You are welcome to bring potluck for sharing on Friday evening, as people arrive at various times. Lots of mixer and set dances will be reviewed at the Friday and Saturday night parties. Send or bring your requests for party night!

Cost is $250 per adult dancer or musician before October 4, 2024, and $275 per adult after October 4, 2024. For complete registration details and other fee information, please contact **Zena Corcoran** at (650) 355-3752 or (408) 308-5761, email ***zmcorcoran@gmail.com***.

Nyheter fra Solveig Club

The Solveig Club returned to our usual 3rd Wednesday meetings in September. With the annual Nordahl Grieg Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner coming up Saturday, December 7, there's lots to do to be ready for our popular Bazaar and Raffle at the dinner.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 16, beginning at 10:30 AM in the Solveig Room at the Lodge. Bring a sandwich. Our hostess for the meeting will be **Duane Adams**. She'll provide something to complete our meal. Perhaps, a salad and dessert or something else of her choice. We will have coffee, though you're welcome to being your own drink. After lunch, those who can will stay for an hour to price Bazaar items, sort donations, or help with other needed tasks.

Whether you're a current member, someone we haven't seen in a while, or just interested in exploring the volunteer activities of the Solveig Club, please come.

Also, winter is coming, and the Solveig Club will again be collecting coats and jackets that will be distributed to those in need. They can be dropped off at any Solveig Club meeting, Nordahl Grieg Lodge meeting or social activity, and at the Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner on December 7. All we ask is that they're gently used and clean. (Of course, if you have a new coat or jacket you're not going to use, we can accept that also.)

The Solveig Club was established on April 28, 1967, with the purpose of raising funds to support the Sons of Norway, providing scholarship opportunities for youth and students, and supporting local charities.

Ha det bra,

Judy Purrington, President

BLOOD DRIVE OLYMPICS

Saturday, October 26, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Nordahl Hall

To make an appointment, go to ***redcrossblood.org*** and find the Blood Drive Olympics under zip code 95032.

REMINDER: if you want to buy extra bread and lefse from our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner, you MUST pre-order, as it will not be available for sale at the Solveig Club Bazaar. See page 7 or ***nordahl-grieg.org*** to place your order.

We're online!

This year's Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner tickets may be purchased online. Be sure to order via our website by **October 31**!

Visit ***nordahl-grieg.org*** or see page 7 for more details.

Potluck Dinner and Program

"Notable & Notorious Norwegians"

From the quirky to the macabre - we'll take a look at some fascinating little-known stories about Norwegian immigrants in America.

Saturday, October 12
Nordahl Hall
5 PM

No charge. Reservations are not required.

- 5 PM – Doors Open

Enjoy beer, wine, and soft drinks in the bar.

- 6 PM – Potluck Dinner

Meatballs and potatoes will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

- 7 PM – Program

This is a fundraiser for the Sons of Norway Foundation. A donation box will be available for your contributions. Thank you.

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BE AWARDED 4 TICKETS TO OUR POPULAR LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER ON DECEMBER 7, 2024

HERE'S HOW - Make a rental referral directly to our property manager that results in a contract, and the referring person will receive 4 tickets for our delicious 2024 Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner. See additional promotion guidelines below.

Contact VIKING PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Tel: 408-915-7755
Email: VikingPM1@gmail.com

Promotion Guidelines: Ticket award recipients must submit a referral to our property manager by contacting Viking Property Management at the contact phone number or email address listed above. A referral submitted to Viking Property Management must result in a fully executed contract, with the contract value paid in full, in order to be eligible for the 4 tickets. 2024 Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner ticket reservations start October 1, 2024; the 3 dinner seatings fill up on occasion. Recipients of the 4 tickets will receive their requested dinner seating time, as long as the tickets for that seating are still available. If unforeseen circumstances cause the dinner to be rescheduled or postponed, we will contact the promotion recipients with an alternative award.

Nordahl Hall is conveniently located off Winchester Blvd. near the Highway 17 and 85 interchange, in beautiful Los Gatos.
Check out our 360° view of the Hall and photos on www.nordhalhall.com. Nordahl Hall and Nordahl Grieg Lodge–serving communities in Northern California since 1947.

Nordahl Hall – 580 West Parr Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95032

2024 Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner Preparations

The Lutefisk is Coming! We're back again this year and ready to start planning another fabulous Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner. This is a great tradition for our lodge and an important fundraiser, but we need your help to make it happen. This year's dinner will be for **one night only**. We're also happy to offer online reservations at ***https://nordahl-grieg.org/site/lutefisk-2024***.

Please contact the chairpersons listed below to let them know you're willing to help. Calling or e-mailing in advance makes it easier to plan. **If you don't know where you're needed, contact one of our general chairpersons.** We appreciate any help you can offer, and no prior experience is necessary.

Tusen takk!

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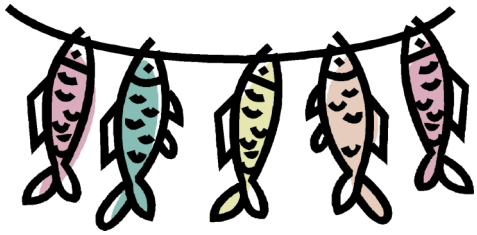

Mark your Calendar!

November 3 (Sunday), 8 AM – Meatball Making

November 9 & 10 (Sat/Sun), 9 AM – Lefse Making

November 23 & 24 (Sat/Sun), 9 AM – Cookie Making

December 4 & 5 (Wed/Thurs) – Hall Setup

December 6 (Friday), 10 AM – Table Setting

December 7 (Saturday) – Lutefisk Dinner

December 8 (Sunday) – Hall Clean-up

Please see Committee Chairs listed below for contact information. Thanks!

Help make meatballs, cookies, and lefse and work towards a SON Cultural Skills pin in "Traditional Norwegian Cooking." Details will be available at each preparation day.

Student Volunteers! We can provide community service hours – students just need to bring paperwork with them and the committee chair will verify the student's hours and sign their paperwork that day.

Committee	Chairperson	Telephone	E-mail Address
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Hall Setup & Clean-up	*All hands on deck!*		

2024 Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

Nordahl Hall – 580 W. Parr Avenue, Los Gatos, CA

*Saturday, December 7—**one night only!***

1st Seating	3:30 PM
2nd Seating	5:30 PM
3rd Seating	7:30 PM

Nordahl Grieg Members – $30.00
Non-members – $35.00

Special reduced children's prices:
Children 6-12 years – $15.00
Under 6 years – free

Invitation to Dance – Diners from all seatings are invited to participate in the entertainment and dancing beginning at approximately 9:00 PM.

Visit the Solveig Club Bazaar – The Solveig Club will host its bazaar again this year. Stop by and see their unique selection of Scandinavian items and Christmas decorations. Doors open at 2:00 PM and close promptly at 9:00 PM. **Please bring cash or checks for the bazaar...sorry, NO CREDIT CARDS are accepted.**

Participate in Nordahl Grieg Lodge and the Solveig Club's Community Outreach – Please bring non-perishable food donations and gently used coats to benefit local residents in need.

Join Now and Enjoy Member Prices – Join Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52 to get member prices for Lutefisk Dinner tickets and have fun all year! **Call Sheryl Hawes, Nordahl Grieg Vice President, at 925-997-1698 for membership information.**

RESERVATIONS – We are now offering ONLINE reservations at ***https://nordahl-grieg.org/site/lutefisk-2024***. Mailed-in reservations will still be accepted for those who are unable to reserve via the website. Please be sure to indicate your first and second choice of seating times. **Reservations will be accepted beginning October 1 through October 31.** Reserve early! Space will be limited as this is a one-night only event. No tickets available at the door.

If you opt for a paper reservation, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your receipt.
Mail your reservation form together with your check or money order PAYABLE TO: Nordahl Grieg Lodge #52
Bruce Fihe, 2435 Felt Street, Spc. 57, Santa Cruz, CA 95062-4201

QUESTIONS? Please call Bruce at (831) 316-4889.

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Alma The Healing Dog

There is no question that a bond between a person and a dog can be something remarkable. This is evident in the story of a young girl from Norway named Nora and a dog named Alma.

Nora was unable to walk and was having a difficult time after a serious illness that lasted almost two years. To lift her spirits and aid with her healing, she was assigned a therapy dog named Alma. Alma was trained by an organization called *Dyrebar Omsorg* [an animal-related wordplay meaning "Precious Care"] that uses interaction with animals to promote health. A study conducted in South Korea proves that spending quality time with dogs can help with relaxation, concentration, and the reduction of stress.

Through their time together, Nora was slowly coaxed out of her hospital bed. She and Alma enjoyed walks together in her wheelchair, shopping, and Alma even kept Nora company when she started back at school after two long years away. Nora attributes her healing to Alma and continues to meet with her, even though she is out of her wheelchair and doing much better.

...from SON Newsletter Service

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Platinum Level

The Solveig Club (donation, February 2024)

In loving memory of Don Slama
The Kids: Kate, Becky, Victoria, Marianne, & Craig (donation, January 2024)

In memory of Homer Stennes
June Stennes (donation, June 2023)

Gold Level

In memory of Michael Stennes
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Silver Level

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In memory of Homer Stennes, Shirley Shoup, Anne Herbert, Kari Warner, and Don Slama
JoAnn Bjerkhoel (donation, September 2023)

In memory of Shirley Shoup
Sheryl Hawes (donation, June 2023)

In memory of Shirley Shoup
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In memory of Anne Herbert
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In memory of Anne Herbert
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In memory of Don Slama & Kari Warner
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In memory of Shirley Shoup
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Shirley Shoup (donation, January 2023)

In memory of Mike Stennes
Shaun and Nicole Stennes (donation, January 2021)

Tusen Takk for your support!

Donations made prior to September 2020 are not listed.
Please view past issues of *Tidende* to see donors and honorees from earlier contributions. *Takk!*

Connections...ways to connect with your Norwegian heritage

- **Lucia Celebration of Light** – Saturday, December 14, 4:00 PM, Messiah Lutheran Church, 801 High Street, Santa Cruz. **Sponsored by the Scandinavian Cultural Center of Santa Cruz.** Experience the magic of a traditional candlelit Lucia procession, led by this year's Lucia and her attendants and star boys, all clad in white full-length gowns, accompanied by songs of *Jultid* performed by the Zaida Singers. This has been an annual tradition in Santa Cruz since 1989, with over 40 children and youth participating each year. After the program, enjoy refreshments and dancing around the Christmas Tree. A nominal fee is charged at the door.
- **Norwegian Folk Dancing** – Join us on Wednesday nights for Norwegian dancing to live music. We include change-partner dances, couple dances, and no-partner dances. Everyone has plenty of opportunities to dance! You can work on a Cultural Skills pin while you're having fun. Meetings are Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto CA 94306. If possible, please bring shoes that are not used for outdoor wear. For more information, contact **Meg Laycock** at 408-255-2111, or ***meg@jstub.com***.
- What would you like to see here? Tell us about activities and ideas to **CONNECT** with our Norwegian Heritage! View Nordahl Grieg Activity Photos

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Write *"Hall Capital Fund"* on the memo line.

Then mail to:
Jim Sturtevant, Treasurer
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For more info, ask a Hall Board member, or contact **Dave Melius** at (408) 244-4497 or ***dmelius@hotmail.com***

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Oct 1	First day to make Lutefisk Dinner reservations
Oct 12	Potluck Dinner and Program
Oct 17	Lodge Meeting
Oct 18-20	Folkedans Stevne at Camp Norge
Oct 26	Blood Drive Olympics
Oct 31	Last day to make Lutefisk Dinner reservations

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